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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: JUNE 20 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

PEPPER (SUN) OBSERVES HOUSE SUBCMTE GOT VIRTUALLY NOWHERE THURSDAY AS BEGAN MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR POST-MORTEM. EA'S MILLER, LEAD-OFF WITNESS, REPEATEDLY TOLD MEMBERS HE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN KEY NSC MEETINGS, DID NOT KNOW ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS; MOST TESTIMONY WAS REITERATION OF TIMING DETAILS OF MIL ACTIONS. REP RIEGLE COMPLAINS DOS SENT WRONG WITNESSES (GLOBE), DEMANDS HAK, SISCO APPEAR (CBS RADIO).

PL-CONTROLLED POLICE PREVENT DEPARTURE USAID FINANCE OFFICER MICHAEL ROGAL TO BANGKOK AT REQUEST DISSIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHO CLAIM HE IS STILL INVOLVED IN UNSOLVED USAID PROBLEMS. ROGAL HAD BEEN DEALING WITH SEVERENCE PAY QUESTIONS; CASE TAKEN UP WITH MFA OFFICIALS WHO PROMISE REPLY 6/20 (UPI WP, NYDN, PHINQ).

FRENCH OFFICIALS DISCLOSE DRASTIC CUTBACKS IN LAOS MIL,
DIP MISSIONS. SAY MIL MISSION BEING REDUCED FROM
ABOUT 100 TO 50 AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, AND 60 CIVILIAN

ADVISERS IN VARIOUS LAOTIAN GOVT DEPARTMENTS DEPARTING
HOME FOR "ANNUAL LEAVE" (UPI WP, PHINQ).

ABOUT 770 US MISSION EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS HAVE LEFT
LAOS SINCE LAST MONTH; FEWER THAN 80 OFFICIALS, NO
DEPENDENTS, ABOUT 67 NONOFFICIAL AMCITS REMAIN. US
OFFICIALS UNSUCCESSFUL IN RECENT ATTEMPTS VISIT
ROSEMARY CONWAY OR LEARN WHERE BEING HELD, BUT LAOTIAN
GOVT TELL EMBASSY OFFICIALS WILL BE ABLE VISIT HER IN
FEW DAYS (UPI, PHINQ).

ALL PRIVATE BANKS PERMANENTLY SHUT IN SAIGON; ACCOUNTS
PROBABLY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO NATL BANK. COMMERCIAL
CREDIT BANK WILL BE SET UP UNDER EXTERNAL TRADE
DEPT (AFP, NYT).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

US GOLD-BUYING FIRM SAYS MOST VIET REFUGEES NOT DESTITUTE,
HAVE FOREIGN CURRENCIES, GOLD IN UNUSUAL FORMS (AP, CSM).
MANY HOMESICK VIET REFUGEES PONDER REPATRIATION,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE FAMILIES DID NOT GET OUT (RAWLS,
PHINQ).

3. HAK'S JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH

GOJ PRAISE HAK'S JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH, STATING HE DEMO-
STRATED UNDERSTANDING OF JAPANESE THINKING. WEDNESDAY
NIGHT ADDRESS VIEWED AS ENDORSING NEW ERA US-JAPAN
RELATIONS, PLEDGING US "WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM ASIA" (NYT)

BOTH GOVT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS IN SEOUL ACCLAIM
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HAK'S ASSURANCE US RESOLVED MAINTAIN PEACE AND
SECURITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA (NYT).

3. JAPAN

PARLIAMENT ABANDONS ATTEMPTS RATIFY NPT, REPRESENTING
MAJOR MIKI SETBACK. CONSERVATIVES ARGUED JAPAN
SHOULD HAVE "FREE HAND" TO GO NUCLEAR; SOCIALIST
OPPOSITION AGREED, DOOMING RATIFICATION (WP).

SOVIETS SEND OFFICIAL MESSAGE, URGING JAPAN
"EXPRESS AN APPROPRIATE ATTITUDE OF REJECTION"
TOWARD ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN PRC-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP

TREATY. MIKI REITERATES SOVIETS "MISTAKING JAPAN'S REAL INTENTION" TO SEEK PACIFICATION BOTH MOSCOW, PEKING (JAMESON, LAT 6/19; AP, NYT; SEIDEN,

SUN; POND, CSM; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

INT'L IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE REPORTS JAPANESE STEEL PRODUCTION FELL 12.1 PCT LAST MONTH FROM YEAR-EARLIER LEVEL (NYT).

LONDON 2-DAY SECRET MEETING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PRODUCING COUNTRIES ENDS; NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING WHAT COUNTRIES ATTENDED, BUT JAPAN BELIEVED AMONG THEM (WP).

4. KOREA

SK AMB TO HOLD RECEPTION TUES, MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY NK INVASION, HONORING CONGRESSMEN WHO SERVED IN KOREAN WAR; ALSO PART OF LOBBYING EFFORT AGAINST ANY US MILITARY SUPPORT CUTS (WSJ).

5. CHINA

USIA'S KEOUGH TELLS NATIONAL PRESS CLUB BREAKFAST PRC IS NOW ONLY NATION IN WORLD JAMMING VOA BROADCASTS (UPI NYDN, WP). ADDS PEKING NOT COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL, SINCE EVIDENCE BROADCASTS HEARD IN PARTS OF CHINA UNCLASSIFIED

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MAINLAND (WP).

WSJ ITEM CITES "CAPITALIST TRIUMPH": PRC WORKMEN AT USLO HAVE TAKEN TO DRINKING COKE.

NCNA BOASTS HOUSEWIVES WHO MUST DEPEND ON HUSBANDS' INCOMES CAN HARDLY BE FOUND IN PRC; SAYS WOMEN ARE PART OF MAIN FORCE IN FARM PRODUCTION, HEAVY INDUSTRY, ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 20 PCT OF WORKERS AND STAFF AT TACHING OIL FIELD (REUTER, CSM).

USDA REPORTS PRC HARVESTS LOOK GOOD FOR ALL CROPS, AND MAY BE "EVEN LARGER" THAN THOSE OF PAST TWO YEARS (JOC).

6. AUSTRALIA

GOODYEAR AUSTRALIA SUFFERS 80 PCT PROFIT DROP IN 1974, ATTRIBUTED TO HIGH RAW MATERIALS COST, LABOR UNREST, LOW PROFIT MARGIN (STOVE, JOC).

AUSTRALIAN BEEF MARKET OUTLOOK BLEAK, WITH EUROFOOD

CITING AUSTRALIAN BEEF DEMAND NOT LIKELY INCREASE THIS YEAR. ONLY BRIGHT SPOT EXPECTED IS 100,000 TON DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION INCREASE (JOC).

7. HONG KONG

OVERSEAS COMPANIES HAVE "EXPRESSED INTEREST" FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, SAYS HK'S ASST COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DIRECTORY. FIRST SITE EXPECTED READY FOR OCCUPATION 1977 (JOC).

8. PHILIPPINES

FEDERAL GRAND JURY CONVICTS NAPOLEAN LECHOCO OF KIDNAPPING, OTHER CHARGES, IN CONNECTION WITH AFFAIR AT PHILS EMBASSY LAST FALL. JURY NOW HEARS FROM PSYCHIATRISTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACTS (WP).

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9. INDONESIA

EXIM BANK APPROVES 70 MILLION DOLS FINANCING FOR MAJOR NICKEL-MINING VENTURE ON SULAWESI (WSJ). ; COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. HAK'S JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH

CSM'S SCHMIDT SAYS COMING THROUGH SECRETARY'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADDRESS WAS APPARENT CONCERN THAT US INTENTIONS IN ASIA MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED--THAT FORD ADMIN NOT ABOUT TO ABANDON SK AND SO FORCE JAPAN, EXPOSED TO COMMUNIST PRESSURES, TO REARM, PROBABLY WITH NUKES. NOTES KISSINGER SPEECH ALSO REAFFIRMED ALL OTHER US ALLIANCES IN ASIA, BUT ADDED SIGNIFICANTLY THAT US PREPARED MODIFY SOME AS ASIAN PARTNERS MAY DESIRE; SEES THIS AIMED AT THAIS, PHILS. HAK'S MESSAGE THAT US INTENDS SEEK FURTHER NORMALIZATION PRC RELATIONS MEANS, THOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO, PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION OF US LINK WITH ROC (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

UNOFFICIALLY, CSM FEELS SECRETARY'S ADDRESS PAID THOUGHTFUL, COMPREHENSIVE ATTENTION TO US ASIAN INTENTIONS IN NEW POST-VN ERA. HAK GAVE WELCOME ASSURANCE OF US DEDICATION TO SECURITY IN ASIA, WITH IMPLICIT WARNINGS TO NK AND NVN; AT SAME TIME, HE INDICATED SENSITIVITY TO VITAL ROLE OF WHOLESOME, INTERNAL DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES TO SECURITY OF ASIAN COUNTRIES, WITH SK AND PHILS TARGETS OF HIS REMARKS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

TO WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (6/19), KISSINGER'S SPEECH WAS

IMPORTANT MODIFICATION OF "NIXON DOCTRINE" RESULTING
FROM INDOCHINA EXPERIENCE--HAK WARNING DICTATORIAL
GOVTS' ABILITY TO FIELD ARMY AGAINST COMMUNIST ATTACK

NOT ENOUGH TO DESERVE US AID, ALTHOUGH US WILL CONTINUE
SUPPORT GOVTS WHICH HOLD US COMMITMENTS EVEN IF THEY
DO NOT REPRESENT POPULAR WILL OR PROVIDE SOCIAL JUSTICE.
OBSERVES "NEW ELEMENTS OF POPULAR WILL AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE" BEING INTRODUCED AS ADMIN PREPARES EXPLAIN
TO FRASER SUBCMTE NEXT TUESDAY, WITH HABIB LEAD-OFF
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WITNESS, ITS SUPPORT OF SK, PHILS "DICTATORIAL REGIMES"
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

11. INDOCHINA

NYT'S KAMM IN VIENTIANE SEES US INVOLVEMENT IN LAOS
VIRTUALLY OVER, ENDING IN DEFEAT. DESCRIBES DEPARTURE
OF USAID, CIA STATION CHIEF. SAYS EVEN CHANCE
WHETHER NEW US AMB GALEN STONE WILL EVER SEE LAOS
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN'S TREWHITT REVIEWS SVN'S PROBLEMS OF ORDER AND
STABILITY; SAYS US OFFICIALS NOW BELIEVE NVN, SVN WILL
BE UNITED IN LESS THAN YR, AS MOST PROMISING SOLUTION.
NOTES REAL SVN CONTROL IN NVA HANDS. ADDS NVA HAS
ALREADY COLLIDED SEVERAL TIMES WITH COMMUNISTS IN
CAMBODIA OVER QUESTIONS OF BORDER LOCATION, OFFSHORE
ISLAND SOVEREIGNTY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

AUSSIE DENIS WEAVER (CHITRIB) ADVISES FORGET ABOUT PRG,
SINCE REAL AUTHORITY IN SVN WILL BE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY
PARTY, HEADED BY PHAM HUNG. BELIEVES HUNG MAY EMERGE
ONE DAY AS PM OF UNITED VN BECAUSE OF RELATIVE YOUTH,
SENIOR POSITION IN NVN POLITBURO, FACT HE IS FROM SVN.
SAYS SMALL WONDER HANOI HAS NOT BOTHERED ACCORD PRG
DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. SEES SVN AS TEMPORARY PROVINCE
OF NVN. FINDS NO VALID REASON WHY FOREIGN COUNTRIES
SHOULD ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NEW GOVT
OTHER THAN TO CURRY FAVOR WITH HANOI, KEEP EYE ON WHAT
HAPPENS IN SVN.

12. CHINA

CONTINUING REPORTS FROM PEKING, SUN'S WU OBSERVES
AMERICANS BACK AND WELCOME; NEW CHINESE-SPEAKING GENERATION
US DIPLOMATS HAS RETURNED ARMED WITH NEW CONCEPTS TO
EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS FOR FUTURE US-PRC RELATIONS. USLO
CHIEF BUSH DIRECTS SMALL BUT EFFICIENT STAFF; GENERAL
FEELING AMONG AMERICANS IS THAT STATUS QUO SHOULD NOT
BE PERPETUATED, SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE FULLY

IMPLEMENTED (IN USIA FILE).

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13. KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) BELIEVE SECDEF ATTEMPTING WARN KIM IL SUNG AGAINST ATTACK, HINTING NUCLEAR RETALIATION MAY RESULT. STATE "CAUTIOUS WARNINGS" HAVE FORD APPROVAL, THOUGH SCHLESINGER CAREFUL NOT MENTION NUKE RETALIATION IN PUBLIC. ALLIES REPORTEDLY APPREHENSIVE OVER NEW LIMITED NUKE WARFARE EMPHASIS, FEARING QUICK ARMS RACE RESUMPTION (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GEORGE WILL (SUN; WP) BRIEFLY SUMMARIZES KOREAN WAR MILITARY HISTORY; RECALLS POLICY PLANNING MISTAKES, US BRAVERY ON OCCASION WAR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

14. INDONESIA

MCDONALD (WP) IN JAKARTA REPORTS GOI SOUNDING OUT US FOR SOPHISTICATED MIL EQUIPMENT TO SEAL BORDERS AGAINST FEARED WEAPONS INFLUX FROM INDOCHINA, WARNING THAILAND AGAINST HASTE IN DISMANTLING US BASES. SEES MOVES REFLECTING WARINESS TOWARD BRINGING INDOCHINA COUNTRIES INTO ASEAN. BELIEVES JAKARTA ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT PRC ROLE IN INDOCHINA, DOUBTING PEKING'S ASSERTIONS OF NONINTERFERENCE IN SEA. NOTES GRADUALLY RELAXING ATTITUDE TOWARD PRC REVERSED RECENTLY WHEN PEKING BROADCAST MESSAGE TO INDONESIAN CP URGING CONTINUED EFFORTS OVERTHROW SUHARTO SAYS GOI VIEWS EXPRESSED TO HABIB. THINKS INDONESIA MIGHT BE GO-BETWEEN FOR THAILAND, NVN, AS THEY APPROACH DIP TIES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

15. GENERAL

CROCKER SNOW JR (GLOBE) SAYS MARIANAS PLEBISCITE, SEN ARM SERV COMM APPROVAL DIEGO GARCIA MILITARY EXPANSION, COMING WHEN US WITHDRAWING FROM SEA, "NO HAPPENSTANCE." STATES US MILITARY LOSING "STEERAGEWAY" BEFORE "STRENGTHENING OFFSHORE WIND," THUS LOOKING TO MARIANAS, DIEGO GARCIA "QUITE LITERALLY AS ANCHORS TO WINDWARD." KISSINGER

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